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In re application of

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SOLID STATE IMAGE SENSOR HAVING PLANARIZED STRUCTURE UNDER LIGHT SHIELDING METAL LAYER

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 31, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

An Appendix is attached following the signature page of this paper.